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GENERAL COMMITTEE

RECORD OF THE TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

Held at the Neue Hofburg, Vienna, on Monday, 22 September 1975, at 5.15 p. m.

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ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING*

Chairman

Mr. FELICKI (Poland), President of the General Conference

Members

Mr. de CARVALHO (Brazil), Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. UNGERER, representing Mr. HAUNSCHILD (Federal Republic of Germany), Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. ETEMAD (Iran), Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. KATORI (Japan), Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. ARKADIEV, representing Mr. MOROKHOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. HERZIG, representing Sir John HILL (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. TAPE, representing Mr. SEAMANS (United States of America), Vice-President of the General Conference
Mr. CHIBWE (Zambia), Vice-President of the General Conference
Miss LIM (Malaysia), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole
Mr. BEESLEY (Canada), Additional Member
Mr. BELÁČIK, representing Mr. NEUMANN (Czechoslovakia), Additional Member
Mr. DEMENTHON, representing Mr. GOLDSCHMIDT (France), Additional Member
Mr. MEHTA, representing Mr. SETHNA (India), Additional Member
Mr. AROCHA CASTRESANA (Venezuela), Additional Member

Secretariat

Mr. HALL, Deputy Director General for Administration
Mr. BOLTON, Secretary of the Committee

* The structure of the General Committee is laid down in Rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure. The composition of the Committee at the nineteenth regular session will be found in document GC(XIX)/INF/157/Rev. 2.

THE RECORD**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
(GC(XIX)/GEN/46)**

- 1. The agenda proposed for the meeting (GC(XIX)/GEN/46) was adopted.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ALLOCATION
OF ITEMS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION
(GC(XIX)/542)**

- 2. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee recommend the Conference to adopt an agenda comprising all the items listed in the provisional agenda (GC(XIX)/542).

- 3. It was so decided.

- 4. The CHAIRMAN recalled, in connection with the suggestions made in document GC(XIX)/542 for the allocation of agenda items for initial discussion, that in the past the Committee had left it to the President of the Conference to decide, in consultation with the Secretariat, the best order in which to take items so as to meet the wishes of as many delegates as possible. It seemed advisable for the Committee again to give the President a similar degree of latitude.

- 5. The Committee decided to recommend the Conference to make the suggested allocation of agenda items for initial discussion.

- 6. Finally, the CHAIRMAN pointed out that, as the Conference's Rules of Procedure had been amended at its session in 1974[1], the Committee would be required for the first time to examine the credentials of delegates. [2] It was not possible to undertake that examination during the current meeting, as not all delegates had submitted their credentials to the Director General; therefore he foresaw that the Committee would meet again on the morning of Thursday, 25 September, for the purpose.

- 7. The Committee authorized the Chairman to convey its recommendations on the agenda orally to the Conference.

**CLOSING DATE OF THE SESSION AND OPENING
DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION**

- 8. The CHAIRMAN recalled that, under Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee was required to submit a recommendation to the Conference on a closing date for the session. The general debate constituted the most time-consuming part of the Conference's work and it was difficult to forecast its duration accurately at that stage, but it seemed likely that it would last until Friday; if that proved to be so, the session could be brought to a close at some time on the following Monday, provided the Committee of the Whole had finished its work by the end of the current week.

- 9. Mr. DEMENTHON (France), recalling that the Rules of Procedure had been amended for the very purpose of trying to reduce the duration of the Conference's regular sessions to one week, expressed the earnest hope that the work of the current session would be concluded by the end of the week.

- 10. Mr. UNGERER (Federal Republic of Germany) and Mr. BEESLEY (Canada) associated themselves with the remarks of the representative of France.

- 11. The CHAIRMAN said that he would endeavour to conduct the work of the session in such a way that it could end on Friday.

- 12. He recalled that it was customary for the Committee to recommend to the Conference an opening date for the following regular session. However, as the Brazilian Government had just invited the Conference to hold its regular session in 1976 in Brazil[3], he felt that it would be preferable for the Committee to consider that question at its next meeting, in order to allow delegates time to study the invitation and to receive instructions on what position they should take in response to it.

- 13. It was so agreed.

- The meeting rose at 5.35 p. m.

[1] By Resolution GC(XVIII)/RES/313, para. 2.

[2] Compare, in this context, Rule 28 in documents GC(VII)/INF/60 and GC(XIX)/INF/152.

[3] See document GC(XIX)/558.

